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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **FILE REPLICATION METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED FILE  
SYSTEMS**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 13 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority to claim priority date of January 30, 2003
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 22              | -20 | 2               | x\$18 =        | 36.00             |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS  | 6               | -3  | 3               | x\$86 =        | 258.00            |
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